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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasunori HATAMURA, et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated April 27, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 USC 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

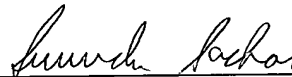
In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our payment in the amount of \$0.00 is paid herewith by credit card. If any difference exists between the amount due and the amount being paid herewith, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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